



Second Lieutenant FRANK RILEY LOYD JR.

Second Lieutenant Loyd born April 20, 1928, was a member of the 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division in the United States Army. He was Killed in Action while fighting the enemy in Sinan-Myan, South Korea on September 26, 1950. He was born and buried at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The Loyd School at Fort Benning, Georgia, was dedicated in 1959. For his service and sacrifice, Second Lieutenant Frank Riley Loyd Jr. was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross.

His father Colonel Frank Loyd Sr. and his mother Evelyn were long-time residents of Shavano Park.

Remembrances

On the website for the Korean War Project Remembrance, family and friends of 2LT Frank Riley Loyd Jr. have left messages of remembrance. These are a few of those messages:

"I am his little sister, Bonnie, now living in Wellesley, Ma. Frank graduated from West Point in 1950. He is buried next to our father in the cemetery at Fort Sam Houston (Texas). Our mother, Evelyn Loyd, celebrated her 97th birthday on May 12th. I have told her about your site. She would be happy to hear from any of his classmates through my internet address.

For your records, Frank was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism at Sinan-Myan, Korea, September 26, 1950.

In 1959 the Loyd School was dedicated at Fort Benning, Georgia. My mother and I celebrated its 30th anniversary in 1989 at Fort Benning."

Posted by Bonnie Loyd on January 2, 2000

"Frank was the older brother of my close friend, Bonnie Loyd. Their father was in WWII and they did not know that he had survived Bataan and fighting in the Phillipines until the end of the war. We prayed almost every day in chapel for Colonel Loyd. Frank Jr. and some of his friends were accepted to West Point which seemed very glamorous to all the young girls in high school at the time with Bonnie. He was a handsome and wonderful person. His mother is now 97. I just heard from Bonnie at Christmas. We were all devastated at his loss. He had just graduated from West Point when he was sent to Korea."

Posted by Chloe Ledbetter Brown on January 2, 2000

The Distinguished Service Cross

"DSC Citation

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Frank Riley Loyd, Jr. (0-62775), Second Lieutenant (Infantry), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy of the United Nations while serving with Company B, 1st Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. Second Lieutenant Loyd distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action against enemy aggressor forces near Sinan-Myan, Korea, on 26 September 1950. When Task Force DOLVIN was proceeding along a road, the column was stopped by severe enemy sniper and

automatic-weapons fire from the high ground to their right. Lieutenant Loyd, as platoon leader of the 1st platoon, was riding tanks at the rear of the column. When the enemy commenced firing, Lieutenant Loyd, without regard for his own safety, immediately foed fifteen men into an effective fighting force and attacked the hill. In the course of the attack the group was pinned down by devastating enemy fire and grenades. Lieutenant Loyd, although armed only with a pistol, exposed himself to the deadly enemy fire and through his outstanding display of courage, aggressiveness and leadership so inspired his men that they assaulted the position and forced the enemy to withdraw. In this final assault Lieutenant Loyd was killed. Due to his heroic action, an enemy force of what was later determined to be 150 men were forced from well fortified positions.

Headquarters, Eighth U.S. Army, Korea: General Orders No. 78, (February 17, 1951)"

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